

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AUGUST 30, 1978

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 1978 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmen - Hughes, Katnich,  
Katzakian, McCarty  
and Pinkerton(Mayor)

Absent: Councilmen - None

Also City Manager Glaves, Assistant  
Present: City Manager Glenn, Public Works  
Director Ronsko, City Attorney  
Mullen, and City Clerk Reimche.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilman Katnich.

PLEDGE

Mayor Pinkerton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES

Following an inquiry by Councilman McCarty relative to the vote recorded on Resolution No. 78-99, on motion of Councilman Katnich, Katzakian second, the Minutes of August 16, 1978 were approved as written and mailed.

CONDOLENCES  
EXTENDED TO  
CITY MANAGER

Condolences were extended to City Manager Glaves by Mayor Pinkerton on behalf of the City Council and Staff on the recent passing of his father.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER CERTI-  
FYING AS ADEQUATE  
THE FINAL EIR FOR  
THE HAM LANE  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT

22-158

Notice thereof having been published in accordance with law and affidavit of publication being on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mayor Pinkerton called for the public hearing to consider certifying as adequate the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Ham Lane Improvement Project - Lodi Avenue to Elm Street, which public hearing had been continued from the regular Council meeting of August 16, 1978.

The subject was introduced by Public Works Director Jack Ronsko. An outline of presentation and introduction of personnel were made by Mr. Ronsko.

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Bradford Blandin, Project Manager, CH2M Hill, Inc. outlined the Ham Lane Improvement Project, Lodi Avenue to Elm Street EIR, as prepared by CH2M Hill, Inc. and the Community Development Department of the City of Lodi. The EIR indicates that the purpose of the project is to relieve present and projected future traffic congestion in this 4-block-long section of Ham Lane. As part of the project, it is proposed that the right-of-way will be acquired, the pavement will be widened and reconstructed, storm drain facilities will be upgraded, fire hydrants will be relocated, sidewalks and curbs will be provided, and driveways will be reconstructed. Methodology and significant impacts were outlined by Mr. Blandin.

Exhibits depicting 6 alternates including a "Do Nothing" alternate were presented and explained in detail by James B. Giottonini, Associate Civil Engineer. Mr. Giottonini then responded to questions posed by the Council concerning the alternates.

The following persons were in the audience and addressed the Council concerning the matter:

- a) Mr. Donald Pontius, 20 N. Ham Lane, stated that he would object to any plan that would affect parking, particularly in front of his property.
- b) Mr. Verne Koenig, 26 N. Ham Lane, Lodi, stated that there is presently a turning pocket on the corner of Elm and Ham and questioned why the proposal for a turning pocket takes in four lots.
- c) Mr. Ed Ehrhardt, 211 S. Ham Lane, Lodi, stated that he doesn't object to the widening. Mr. Ehrhardt then proposed assessing each property owner in Lodi \$4.00 per month for 5 years for the costs involved in this project.
- d) Mr. Oliver Lee, 220 S. Ham Lane, Lodi, stated that he and his neighbors are concerned about parking and stated that he feels a 64' curb-to-curb dimension is too much.
- e) Mr. Cecil Harp, 1301 W. Lodi Avenue, Lodi questioned the purpose of this meeting and certain items contained within the E.I.R. Mr. Harp stated that he felt restricted parking in the project area would be advantageous.

A brief description of the E.I.R. process was given by Staff for the benefit of the audience.

- f) Ms. Gertrude Duff, 106 S. Ham Lane, Lodi expressed her concerns regarding pollution problems she is encountering in the area.
- g) Dr. C. W. Fortier, 120 S. Orange, Lodi asked how this project started and then emphasized his belief that widening projects of this type should be initiated by people in the subject area.

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h) Dr. John Bowles, 39 N. Ham Lane, Lodi asked if there would be another opportunity for public input prior to consideration of the adoption of an alternative street plan.

RECESS

The Mayor declared a five-minute recess, and the Council reconvened at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Gary Gerlach, 21 N. Ham Lane, Lodi addressed the Council asking that if Ham Lane were widened, would it be possible to not allow truck traffic on that Street. Mr. Gerlach also stated that the surface of Ham Lane is in outstanding condition and questioned if the project plan included resurfacing this street.

Dr. C. W. Fortier, 120 S. Orange, Lodi asked if the subject E.I.R. had to be acted upon at this meeting. Following Mayor Pinkerton's reply that the matter did not have to be acted on at this meeting, Dr. Fortier stated that the Council has a mandate from the people for a year of study on the matter, and if it has to be acted upon, it should be denied.

A verbatim transcript of the testimony given during this public hearing has been made and will be made part of the final E.I.R. document.

Following additional discussion, Mayor Pinkerton closed the Public Hearing.

Additional discussion followed with questions being directed to Staff and to the City Attorney.

Councilman Katnich then moved not to certify as adequate the Ham Lane Improvement Project, Lodi Avenue to Elm Street Environmental Impact Report. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Hughes then moved to certify the subject Environmental Impact Report as adequate; to correct the first sentence of paragraph 2 under the title, "Improvements" on page 1-1 to read, "The proposed improvements 'could' include four 12-foot-wide traffic lanes, with an 8-foot-wide parking lane and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on each side of the street;" and to include "No Parking" provisions as discussed, in the final E.I.R. document. The motion was seconded by Councilman McCarty.

Following an inquiry, Mr. Blandin of CH2M Hill, Inc. summarized letters that had been received concerning the Ham Lane Improvement Project EIR.

Following additional discussion the question was called for, and the motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen - Hughes, Katzakian and McCarty  
Noes: Councilmen - Katnich and Pinkerton  
Absent: Councilmen - None

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Due to the hour, Public Works Director Ronsko then proposed that neither the Staff's recommendation on street width nor the Council's discussion and decision on the street width be taken up at this meeting. Councilman Hughes requested that the Council and audience be informed of what Street width alternative would be recommended by Staff.

Mr. Ronsko then explained that it would be Staff's recommendation to select Exhibit B-4 Modified which would include an 80 foot right-of-way, 64' curb to curb dimension, left turn pocket at Lodi Avenue, no left turns at Walnut and Pine, and a left turn pocket at Elm Street with modification reducing the pocket by 50'. Additional discussion followed.

REVISED FEES FOR  
ADULT SPORTS  
ADOPTED

RES. 78-100

22-49

Council was apprised that following a meeting with Councilman Katnich and McCarty, and Parks and Recreation Director DeBenedetti, a formula was derived at to adjust fees for some adult sports activities. This formula was presented in detail for Council's perusal.

Following discussion with questions being directed to Councilman Katnich, McCarty and Mr. DeBenedetti, Councilman Katzakian moved for adoption of Resolution No. 78-100 establishing a revised fee schedule for adult sports as follows:

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Participant</u>
Women's Basketball	\$ 70.00	\$4.00
Men's Basketball	\$110.00	\$4.00
Women's Volleyball	\$ 40.00	\$3.00
Men's Volleyball	\$ 35.00	\$3.00
Co-Ed Volleyball	\$ 45.00	\$3.00
Summer Softball	\$107.00	\$4.00
Fall and Winter Softball	\$ 80.00	\$4.00

The motion was seconded by Councilman Katnich and carried by unanimous vote.

ENGLISH OAKS  
MANOR UNIT NO. 3  
ACCEPTED

RES. NO. 78-102

21-45

City Manager Graves apprised the City Council that the Subdivision Improvements in English Oaks Manor, Unit No. 3 have been completed in substantial conformance with the requirements of the Subdivision Agreement between the City of Lodi and Grupe Development Company dated July 6, 1977 and as specifically set forth in the plans and specifications approved by the City Council. The developer has also installed the final asphalt concrete surfacing as set forth in the Agreement.

On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Hughes second, Council adopted Resolution No. 78-102 accepting the Subdivision Improvements and streets included in Tract Map No. 1286, English Oaks Manor, Unit No. 3.

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BECKMAN RANCH,  
UNIT NO. 1  
ACCEPTED

RES. NO. 78-101

Councilman Katzakian asked to abstain from discussion and voting on the following matter, because of a possible conflict of interest.

City Manager Graves apprised the Council that the Subdivision Improvements in Beckman Ranch, Unit No. 1 have been completed in substantial conformance with the requirements of the Subdivision Agreement between the City of Lodi and Aladdin Real Estate, Inc., dated September 27, 1977 and as specifically set forth in the plans and specifications approved by the City Council.

On motion of Councilman Katnich, Hughes second, Council adopted Resolution No. 78-101 accepting the Subdivision Improvements and streets included in Tract Map No. 1337, Beckman Ranch Unit No. 1 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen - Hughes, Katnich, McCarty and Pinkerton

Noes: Councilmen - None

Absent: Councilmen - None

Abstain: Councilmen - Katzakian

INQUIRIES BY  
COUNCILMAN  
McCARTY RE  
POLICY  
DECISIONS

Councilman McCarty asked that the Department Head involved be invited to a future Shirtsleeve Session to answer questions regarding recent policy decision concerning the elimination of traffic accident investigations and silent alarm calls.

City Manager Graves reminded the Council that the matter of the elimination of traffic accident investigations was discussed during the budget sessions, and that the Minutes of the City Council meeting reflect that discussion.

Councilman McCarty further stated that he would still like to talk to the Chief of Police regarding people's concerns regarding silent alarms.

INQUIRY RE  
SPECIFIC PLAN FOR  
LOWER SACRAMENTO  
ROAD

Councilman Hughes stated that it had been brought to his attention that the City has a requirement for a 10-foot sidewalk with a retaining wall in the area of Community Hospital. Councilman Hughes asked that Staff check into this requirement and report back to the City Council on its findings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pinkerton adjourned the meeting on motion of Councilman Katnich, Katzakian second at approximately 10:45 p. m.

Attest:

*Alice M. Reimche*  
ALICE M. REIMCHE  
CITY CLERK